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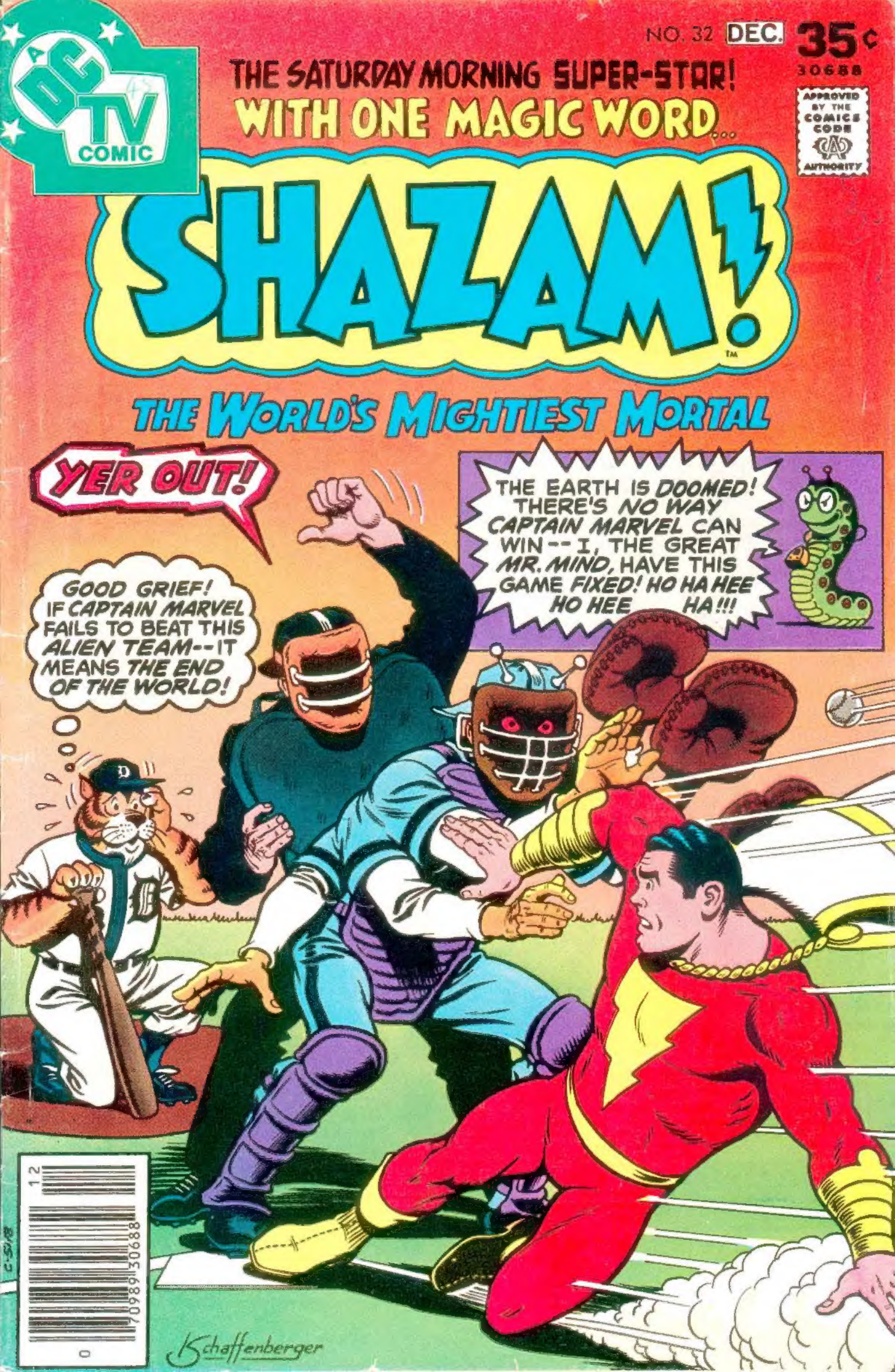
YER OUT!
THE EARTH IS DOOMED! THERE'S NO WAY CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN WIN -- I, THE GREAT MR. MIND, HAVE THIS GAME FIXED! HO HA HEE HO HEE HA!!!
GOOD GRIEF! IF CAPTAIN MARVEL FAILS TO BEAT THIS ALIEN TEAM--IT MEANS THE END OF THE WORLD!
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CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE POWERS OF SIX MIGHTY ELDERS, YOUNG NEWSCASTER BILLY BASTON HAS ONLY TO SPEAK THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT WIZARD...
SHAZAM!
AND IN A FLASH OF LIGHTNING, HE IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL...
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
SOLOMON-WISDOM
HERCULES-STRENGTH
ATLAS-STAMINA
ZEUS-POWER
ACHILLES-COURAGE
MERCURY-SPEED
THE PLACE: DETROIT, MICHIGAN. BILLY BATSON AND HIS MENTOR, UNCLE DUDLEY, HAVE JUST ARRIVED WHEN THE YOUNG NEWSCASTER MUST CHANGE INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL TO SAVE AN AIRLINER FROM A DEATH-PLUNGE!
HOLY MOLEY! THAT PLANE'S FALLING! HAVE TO CATCH IT-- FAST!
BUT THERE IS MORE TO COME-- THE NEFARIOUS MR. MIND'S EVIL MINIONS CARRYING OUT HIS LATEST VILLAINOUS SCHEME -- AND THE FAMED TALKING TIGER SUITING UP TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND SWING HIS BAT IN...
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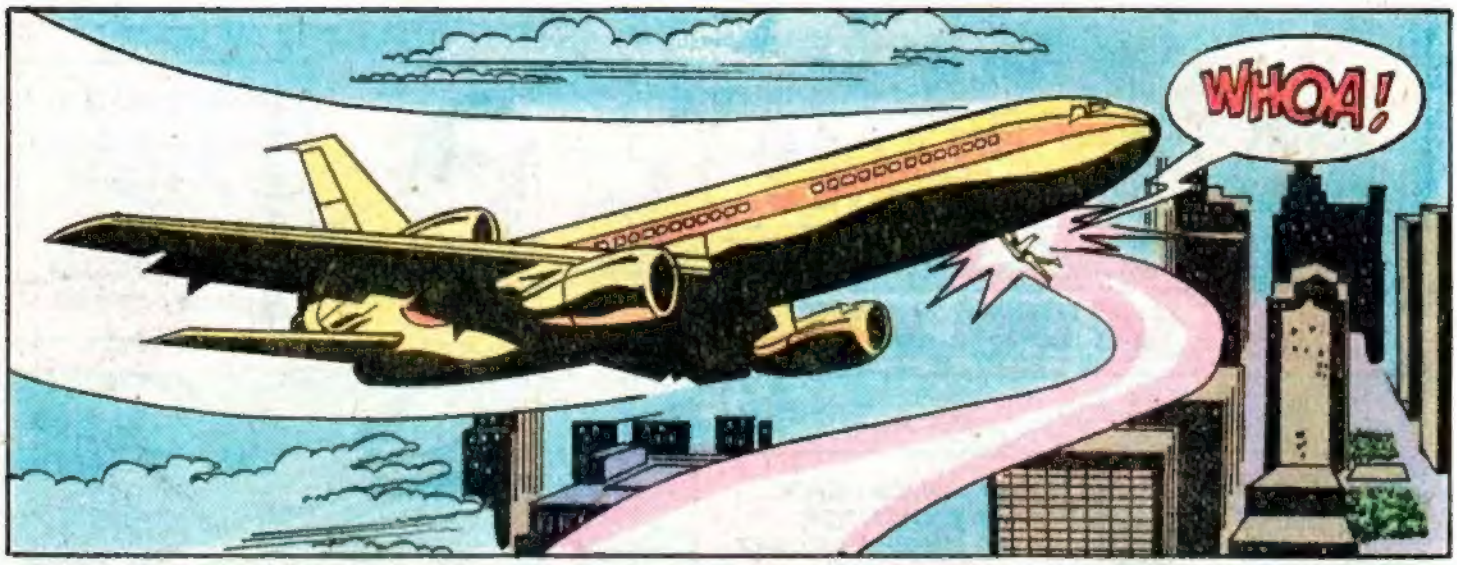
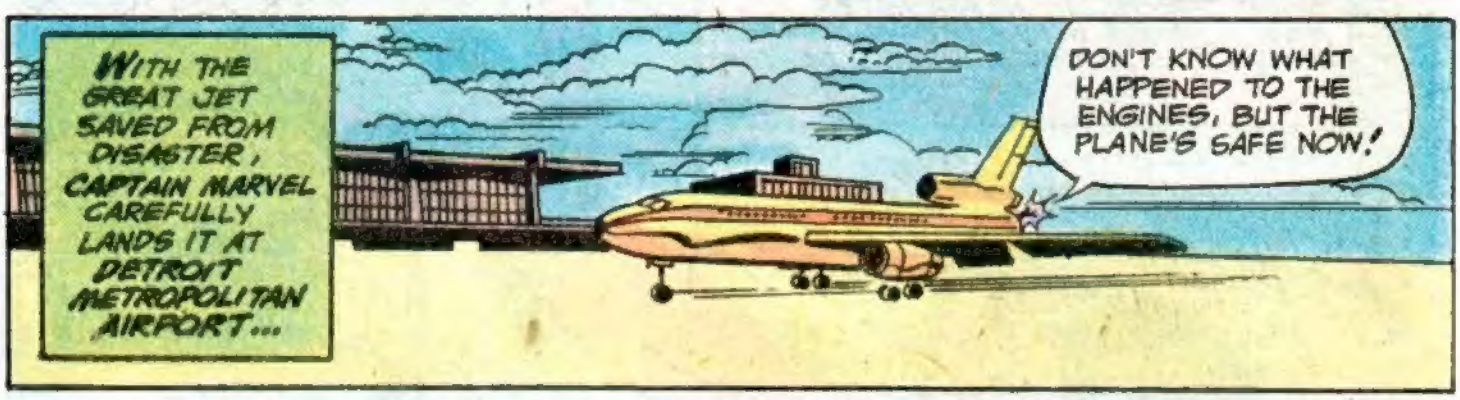
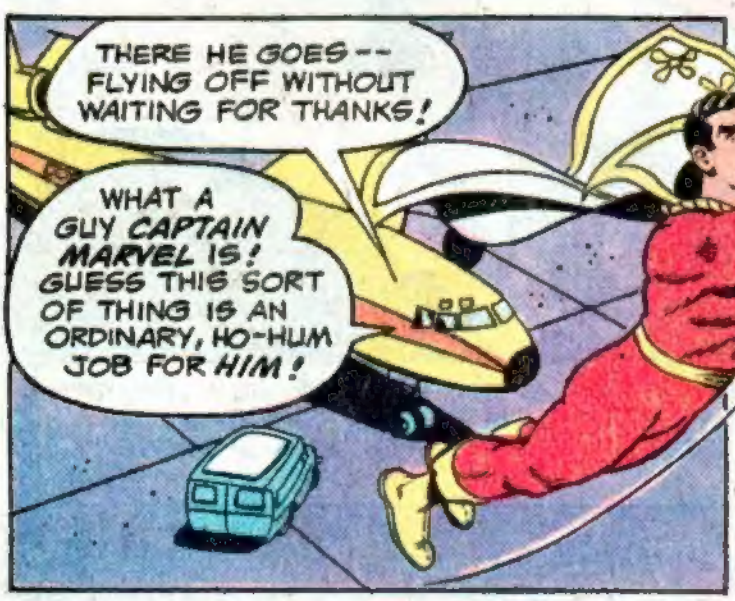




WITH THE GREAT JET SAVED FROM DISASTER, CAPTAIN MARVEL CAREFULLY LANDS IT AT DETROIT METROPOLITAN AIRPORT...
DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ENGINES, BUT THE PLANE'S SAFE NOW!


THERE HE GOES -- FLYING OFF WITHOUT WAITING FOR THANKS!
WHAT A GUY CAPTAIN MARVEL IS! GUESS THIS SORT OF THING IS AN ORDINARY, HO-HUM JOB FOR HIM!

AS THE RED-CLAD FIGURE FADES FROM SIGHT, AN ASHEN-FACED STEWARDESS RUSHES INTO THE CABIN...
ANGIE-- WHAT'S WRONG? ANY PASSENGERS HURT IN THE FALL?
HOPE IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS! THEY HAVE TO PLAY THE TIGERS THIS EVENING!

AN ORDINARY "HO-HUM JOB"? NOT THIS TIME--AS CAP WILL SOON FIND OUT!

BUT AT THIS MOMENT, THE UNSUSPECTING CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS CHANGED BACK TO BILLY AND REJOINED UNCLE DUDLEY IN THE WHIZ VAN...
IS THIS THE PLACE MR. TAWNY SAID HE'D MEET US, BILLY?
YES, UNCLE! HE KNOWS SOMEONE WHO WORKS HERE!
LOOK-- HERE THEY COME NOW!
BILLY! DUDLEY! I WANT YOU TO MEET MY PAL HERE!
BILLY BATSON--DUDLEY-- MEET IVAN LUDINGTON, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE LUDINGTON NEWS COMPANY!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, SIR!
YES INDEED!
MY PLEASURE-- MEETING FRIENDS OF THE GREAT CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BUT WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DETROIT, MR. TAWNY?
I THOUGHT PERHAPS IVAN COULD GET ME A TRYOUT... WITH THE DETROIT TIGERS!
I TOLD HIM HE WOULDN'T NEED MY RECOMMENDATION! THEY'LL JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO SIGN A REAL TIGER!
BUT, MR. TAWNY-- WHY?
MY JOB AT THE MUSEUM WAS SO DULL... STODGY! I WANT TO GET OUT IN THE OPEN AIR AND EXERCISE MY MUSCLES!
BESIDES, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA THE SIZE OF THE SALARIES BIG-LEAGUE BALLPLAYERS MAKE?
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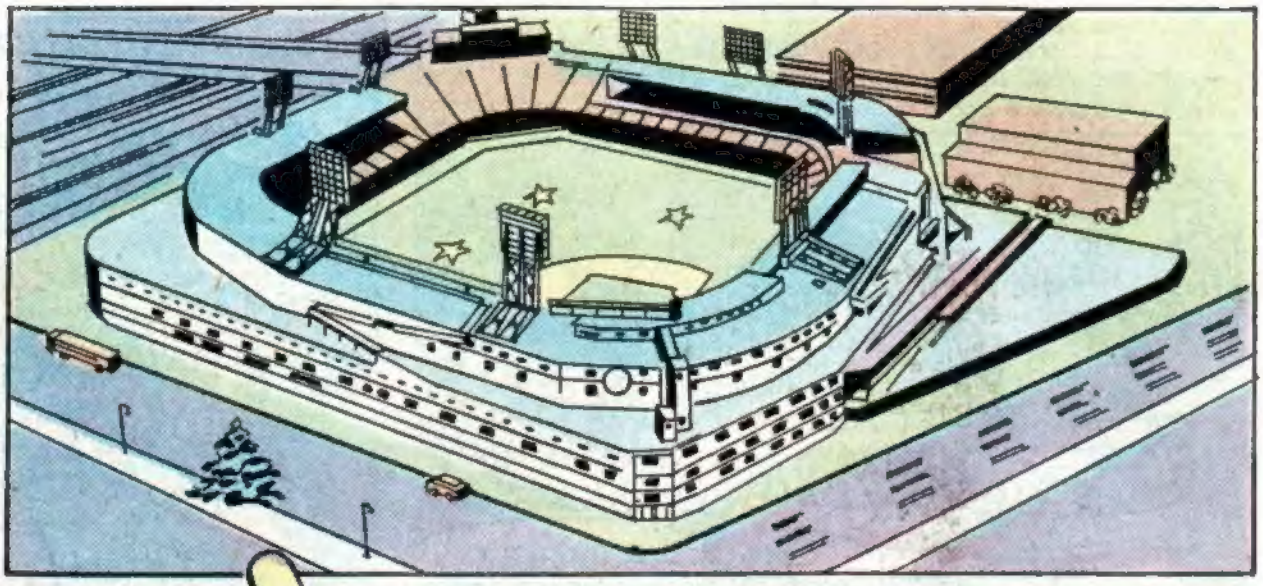
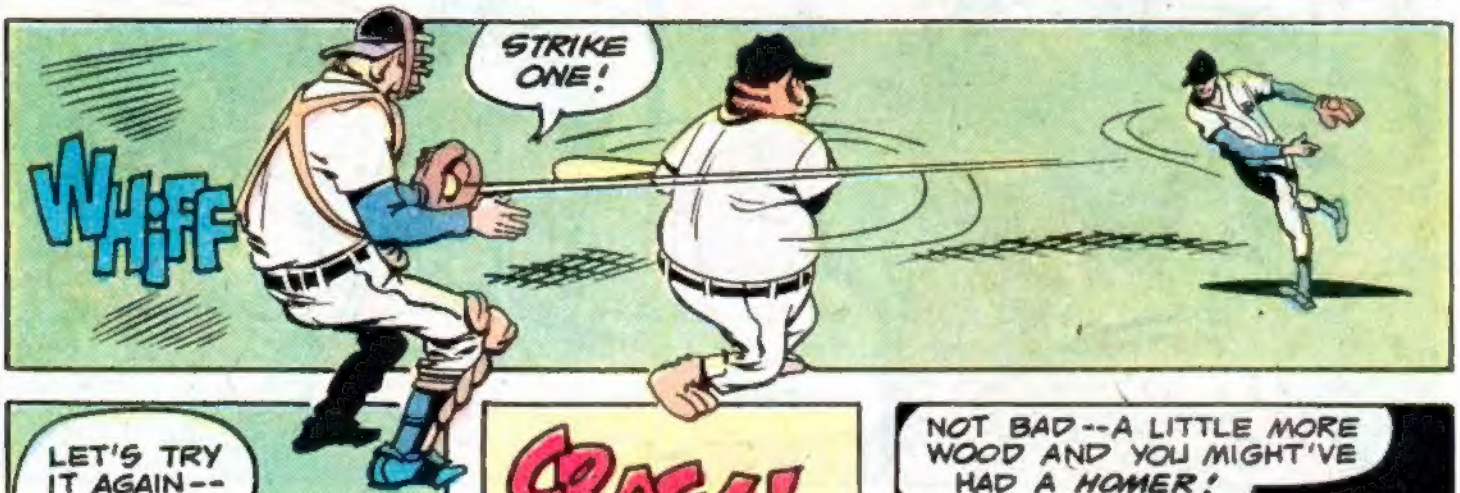
AND SO THE FAMOUS TALKING TIGER GOES WITH HIS FRIENDS TO FAMED TIGER STADIUM...



...AND AFTER HASTY NEGOTIATIONS, TAWKY TAWNY IS SUITED UP AND READY TO TRY OUT...



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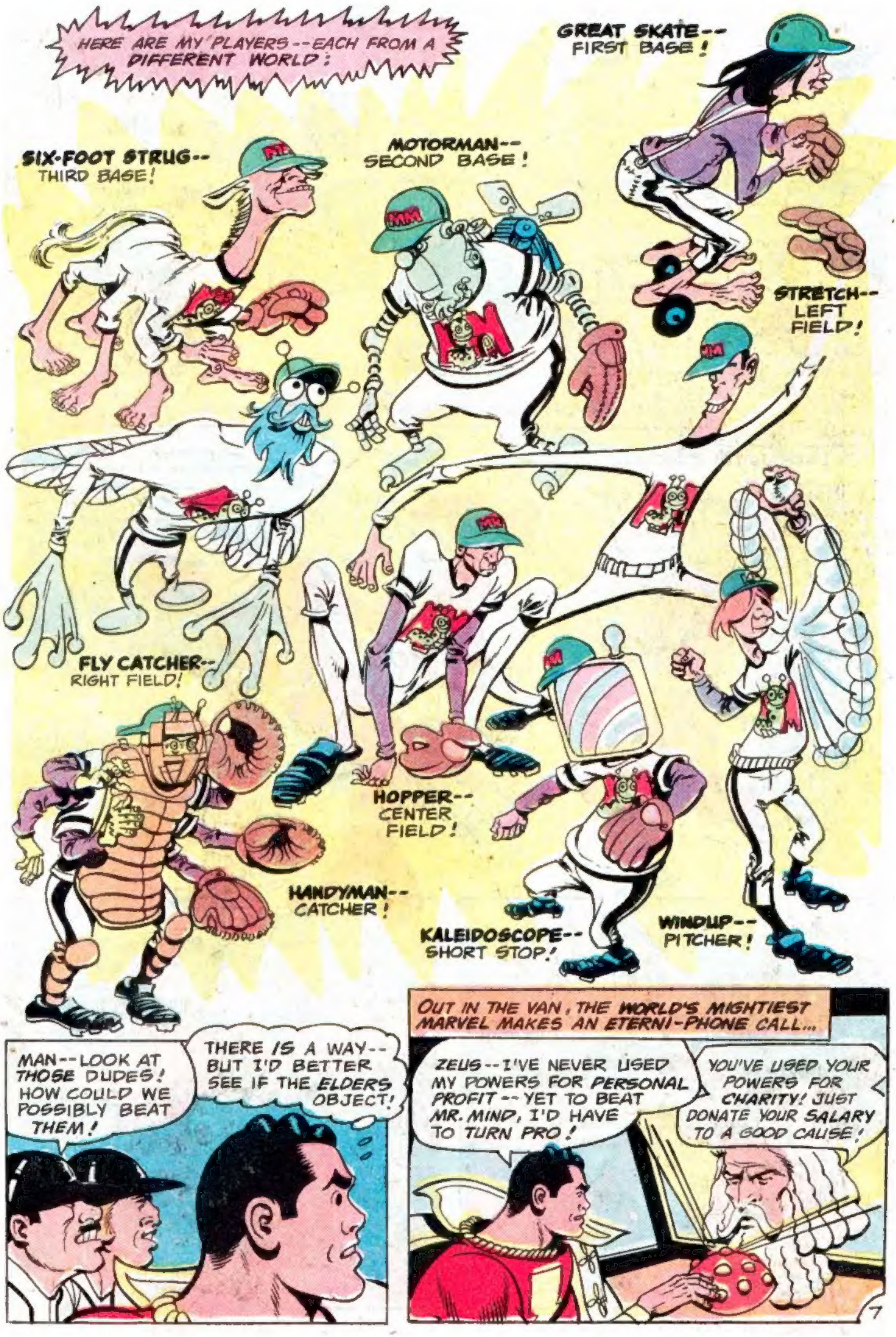
NEXT, TAWNY TRIES HIS HAND... UHH... PAW... AT FIELDING...
WHEW! THAT WAS A TOUGH ONE!
WELL, THIS ONE IS EASIER!
OOOFF! HIGH, BUT I GOT IT!
NICE GOING, MR. TAWNY!
I MUST ADMIT YOU'RE A FINE PLAYER, TAWKY! REMINDS ME OF MY OWN YOUNGER DAYS!
TH-THANKS!
OOOHH! I ACHE ALL OVER! BUT IF I MAKE THE TEAM, IT'LL BE WORTH IT!
SHORTLY, AS THE TEAM OFFICIALS MEET TO DISCUSS TAWNY'S PERFORMANCE...
WELL, HE'S CERTAINLY NOT THE GREATEST PLAYER WHO'S TRIED OUT FOR US!
ON THE OTHER HAND, HE'S FAR FROM THE WORST!
HE'S GOOD ENOUGH TO SIGN --AND A GENUINE TIGER ON THE TEAM WILL BE A BIG DRAW!
AND SO THE BIG MOMENT COMES...
CONGRATULATIONS, MR. TAWNY! YOU'VE MADE THE TEAM!
I DID? TERRIFIC!

LATER, AFTER TIGER STADIUM WAS FILLED WITH ANXIOUS BASEBALL FANS, AN OMINOUS VOICE BLARES OVER THE SPEAKER SYSTEM...
ATTENTION! MY TEAM CHALLENGES THE DETROIT TIGERS TO A GAME-- TONIGHT!
HOLY MOLEY! THAT'S MR. MIND'S VOICE!
RIDICULOUS-- WE HAVE A SCHEDULED GAME NOW!
DON'T WAIT FOR YOUR VISITING TEAM TO SHOW UP! THEY ARE MY HOSTAGES!
NO ONE'S PAYING AN ATTENTION TO ME, SO--
SHAZAM!
AS ALWAYS, THE MAGIC WORD BRINGS A BLAST OF MYSTIC LIGHTNING...
BOOMM!
...INSTANTLY TRANSFORMING THE BOY BROADCASTER INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL!
ALL RIGHT, YOU MISERABLE WORM, WHERE ARE YOU?
WHAT? CAPTAIN MARVEL--HERE? WELL, YOU'LL NEVER FIND ME!
AND FUTHERMORE--YOU'LL NEVER FIND MY HOSTAGES! THE TIGERS WILL HAVE TO PLAY AGAINST MY TEAM--OTHERWISE, THE VISITING TEAM WILL BE WIPED OUT!
THAT LITTLE WORM! HE'S FORCING THE TIGERS TO PLAY... AND THERE IS NO WAY I CAN STOP HIM! I CAN'T JEOPARDIZE THE LIVES OF THE VISITING TEAM!
I'LL PROVE I CAN BEAT HUMANS AT THEIR OWN GAMES--EARTH MUST SURRENDER TO ME!


HERE ARE MY PLAYERS--EACH FROM A DIFFERENT WORLD:
GREAT SKATE-- FIRST BASE!
SIX-FOOT STRUG-- THIRD BASE!
MOTORMAN-- SECOND BASE!
STRETCH-- LEFT FIELD!
FLY CATCHER-- RIGHT FIELD!
HOPPER-- CENTER FIELD!
HANDYMAN-- CATCHER!
KALEIDOSCOPE-- SHORT STOP!
WINDUP-- PITCHER!
MAN--LOOK AT THOSE DUDES! HOW COULD WE POSSIBLY BEAT THEM!
THERE IS A WAY-- BUT I'D BETTER SEE IF THE ELDERS OBJECT!
OUT IN THE VAN, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MARVEL MAKES AN ETERNI-PHONE CALL...
ZEUS--I'VE NEVER USED MY POWERS FOR PERSONAL PROFIT--YET TO BEAT MR. MIND, I'D HAVE TO TURN PRO!
YOU'VE USED YOUR POWERS FOR CHARITY! JUST DONATE YOUR SALARY TO A GOOD CAUSE!

AND WITH THIS ADVICE REASSURING HIM, CAPTAIN MARVEL RETURNS TO THE STADIUM...
FELLOWS, I'M TRYING OUT FOR THE TEAM!
WAHOO! NOW WE CAN'T LOSE!
THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! PERCHANCE UNCLE MARVEL COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS! I'LL GET MY COSTUME FROM THE VAN!
IN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES, CAPTAIN MARVEL PROVES HIMSELF SUPERB AT EVERY POSITION!
NICE WORK, CAP! YOU'RE IN!
THANK YOU, SIR... I--
HOLY MOLEY--UNCLE MARVEL! HE CAN'T BE INTENDING TO PLAY, TOO!
EXIT
AH, NEPHEW! I HAVE VOLUNTEERED MY SERVICES...AS A COACH! I WOULD'VE PREFERRED TO PLAY, BUT MY SHAZAMBAGO--
I UNDERSTAND!
GOOD! THAT EXCUSE IS THE ONE HE ALWAYS DREDGES UP--BUT WE MARVELS MAKE BELIEVE WE SWALLOW IT!
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WHEN MR. MIND HEARS OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT...
HORRORS! IF THAT BIG RED BRUTE PLAYS AGAINST YOU, HE COULD WIN!
AND THAT WOULD MEAN THE PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE DEMORALIZED AND SURRENDER THIS PLANET TO ME!
OUR ONLY HOPE IS IF HE TURNS BACK INTO BILLY! THEN HE'LL BE VULNERABLE TO OUR ATTACK!
OH-OH--THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE HAS DONE!
TO THINK MR. MORRIS WANTED ME TO COME HERE TO INTERVIEW BATBOYS FOR A SPORTS SPECIAL! WAIT TILL HE SEES THIS SPECIAL!
I'D BETTER CALL OUR LOCAL STATION TO SEND OVER SOME TV CAMERAS!
YES--IT LOOKS TO BE THE WILDEST BASEBALL GAME OF ALL TIME! HURRY!
TELEPHO
THEY'RE SENDING A SPORTSCASTER, TOO! AFTER ALL, I CAN'T DO THE COMMENTARY WHILE CAPTAIN MARVEL IS PLAYING, CAN I?
UMPPH!
HOLY MOLEY! CAUGHT! THIS MUST BE MR. MIND'S DOING!
TELEPHONE
TELEP
AH--THIS WAS AN EASY TASK! BUT THE MASTER HAS ORDERED ME NOT TO KILL YOU--YET!

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE DRESSING ROOM OF MR. MIND'S TEAM...
AFTER WE WIN THE GAME AND PROVE HOW FUTILE RESISTANCE TO ME WOULD BE, I'LL HAVE YOU KILLED! BUT FIRST YOU MUST SEE MY TRIUMPH! HA HO HEE HAW HEE HO!
NOW TAKE ME OUTSIDE, HANDYMAN!
I WANT TO WATCH THE GAME FROM MY SECRET HIDEOUT! IT WILL BE ON TV!
HOW DO THEY EXPECT ME TO GET THESE SHOES ON MY FEET?
THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY FIT OVER MY WHEELS!
OH, WELL -- I DON'T NEED THEM! I CAN DO FINE BAREFOOTED!
THOSE BASEBALL SHOES HAVE SPIKES! IF ONLY I CAN GET TO THEM...
UMPH! WELL, I'M ON THE FLOOR! NOW TO TRY AND REACH THOSE SHOES!
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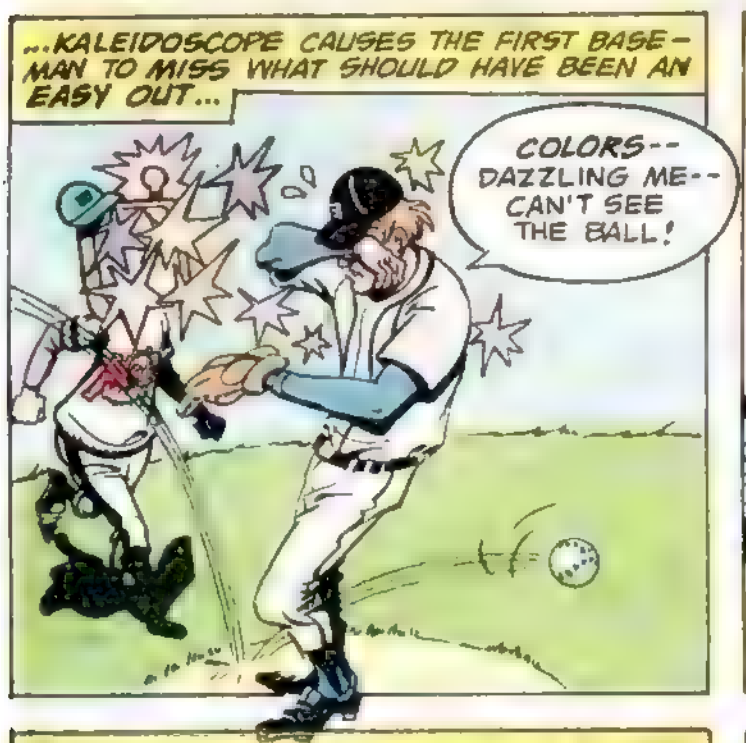
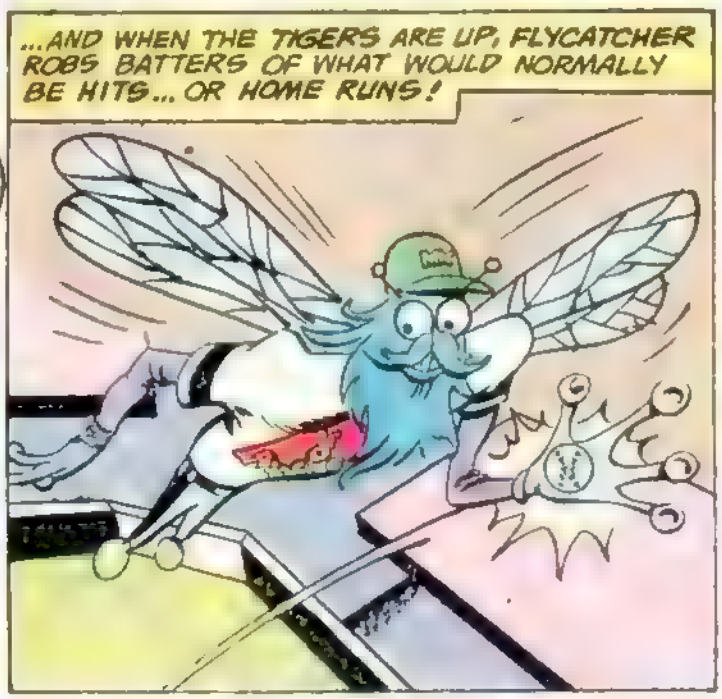
AND ON THE FIELD, THE TIGERS ARE GETTING WORRIED...
WHERE'S CAPTAIN MARVEL? IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE GAME TO START!
I KNOW! HE SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE TWENTY MINUTES AGO!
BUT THE PRE-GAME TIME IS UP... AND THE GAME BEGINS... WITHOUT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL...
PLAY BALL!
THAT WEIRD ALIEN WILL BE LOOKING FOR A GOOD PITCH-- BUT I'LL LEAD OFF WITH A BALL!
THEY DON'T CALL ME STRETCH FOR NOTHING!
KRAK
I'VE GOT IT!
JUST OUT OF REACH--OFF THE WALL!
GOT IT-- SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD HIM TO...

...A HOME RUN?!?
AND I DID IT IN FOUR STEPS!

AS THE GAME PROCEEDS, MOTORMAN STRETCHES A BUNT INTO A THREE-BAGGER...


...KALEIDOSCOPE CAUSES THE FIRST BASEMAN TO MISS WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN EASY OUT...
COLORS-- DAZZLING ME-- CAN'T SEE THE BALL!


...AND WHEN THE TIGERS ARE UP, FLYCATCHER ROBS BATTERS OF WHAT WOULD NORMALLY BE HITS... OR HOME RUNS!

FINALLY, IN THE SIXTH INNING, THE TIGERS, BEHIND 22-0, MANAGE TO GET TWO MEN ON BASE... TAWKY TAWNY HITS ONE...

...AND...
OOFF!
...TAWNY REACHES BASE SAFELY-- HOPPER GETS THE ERROR--AND TWO TIGERS SCORE!
I'LL GET-- OMMPH!

MEANTIME...
HOLY MOLEY! I CAN'T SEEM TO HOOK MY GAG ON THE SPIKES! WHEN I TRY, THE SHOES MOVE!
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M PUSHING IT WHEN I TOUCH IT--BUT IF I SHOVE IT AGAINST THE WALL, IT CAN'T MOVE ANY FURTHER!
AND FINALLY, AFTER MANY TRIES, THE GAG HOOKS...
AT LAST!
SHAZAM!
BARAAAAM
HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE TO HELP THE TIGERS WIN!
HOLY MOLEY! AT THE END OF EIGHT INNINGS, THE SCORE IS 28 TO 2!
IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL!
YAAAY!
VISITORS: 3 2 6 4 3 4 5 1
TIGERS: 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0
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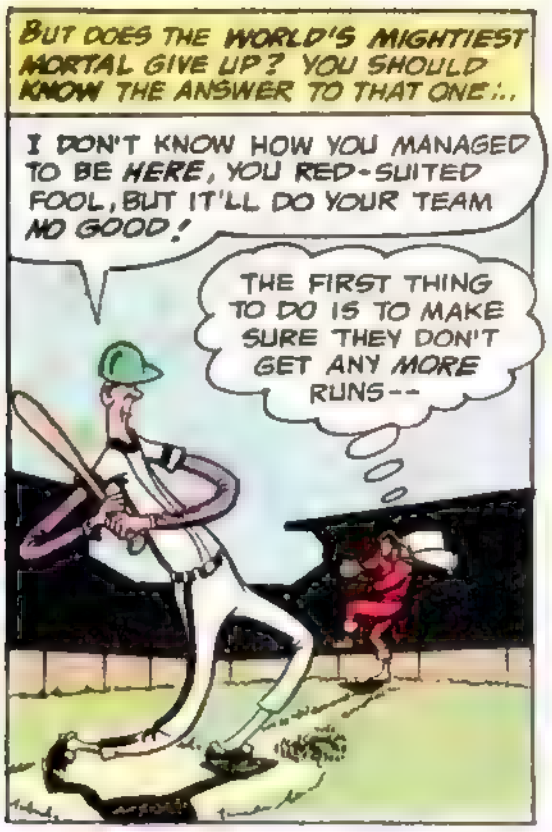
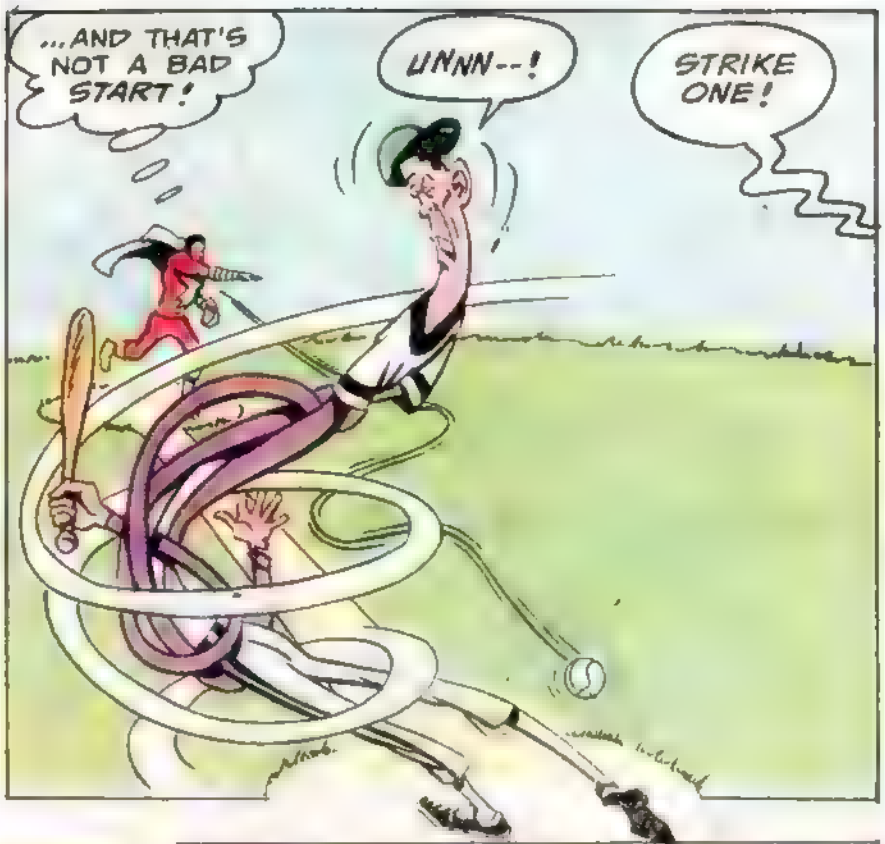
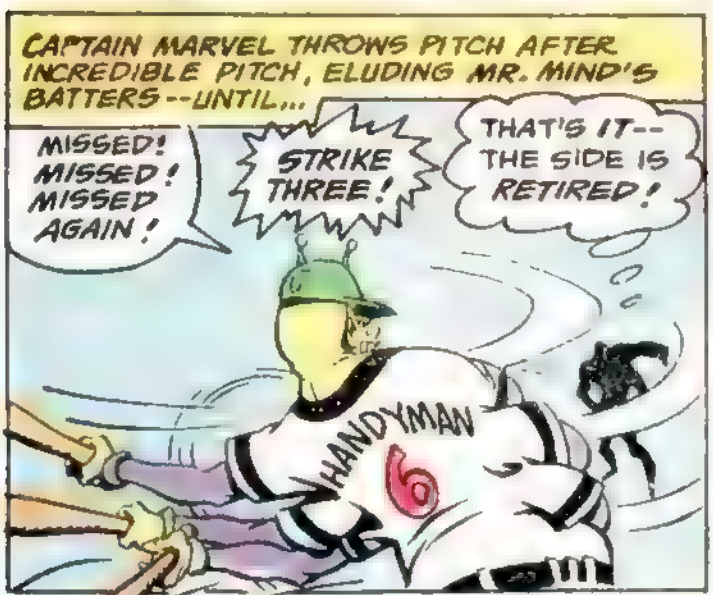

BUT DOES THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL GIVE UP? YOU SHOULD KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE!..
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU MANAGED TO BE HERE, YOU RED-SUITED FOOL, BUT IT'LL DO YOUR TEAM NO GOOD!
THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T GET ANY MORE RUNS--


...AND THAT'S NOT A BAD START!
UNNN--!
STRIKE ONE!


CAPTAIN MARVEL THROWS PITCH AFTER INCREDIBLE PITCH, ELUDING MR. MIND'S BATTERS--UNTIL...
MISSED! MISSED! MISSED AGAIN!
STRIKE THREE!
THAT'S IT--THE SIDE IS RETIRED!
HANDYMAN
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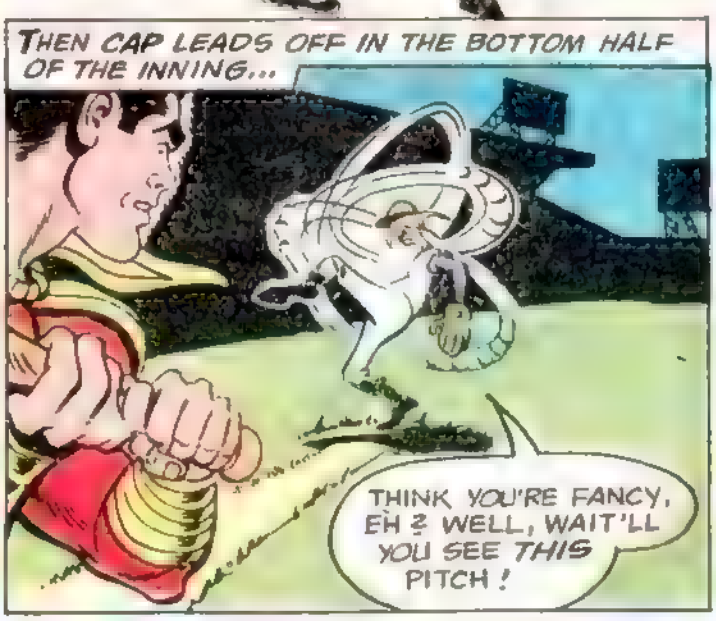
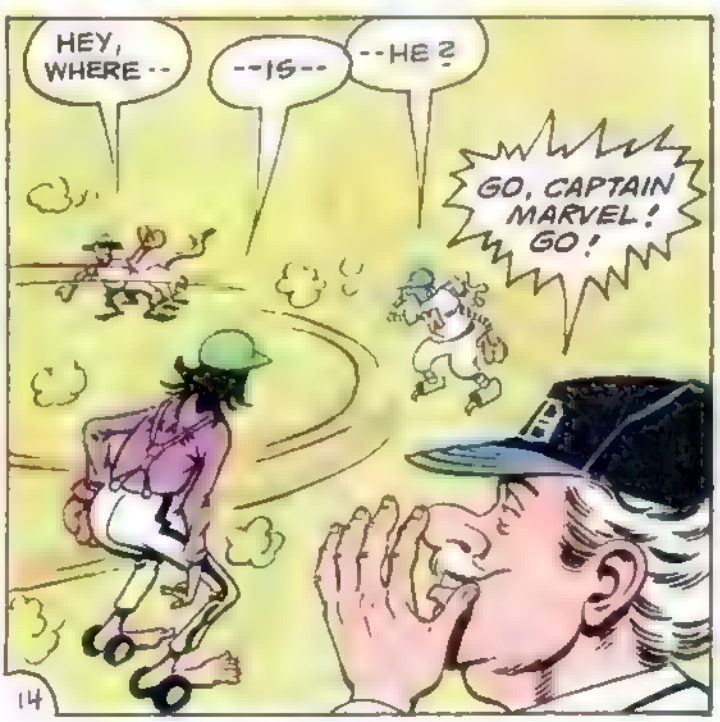
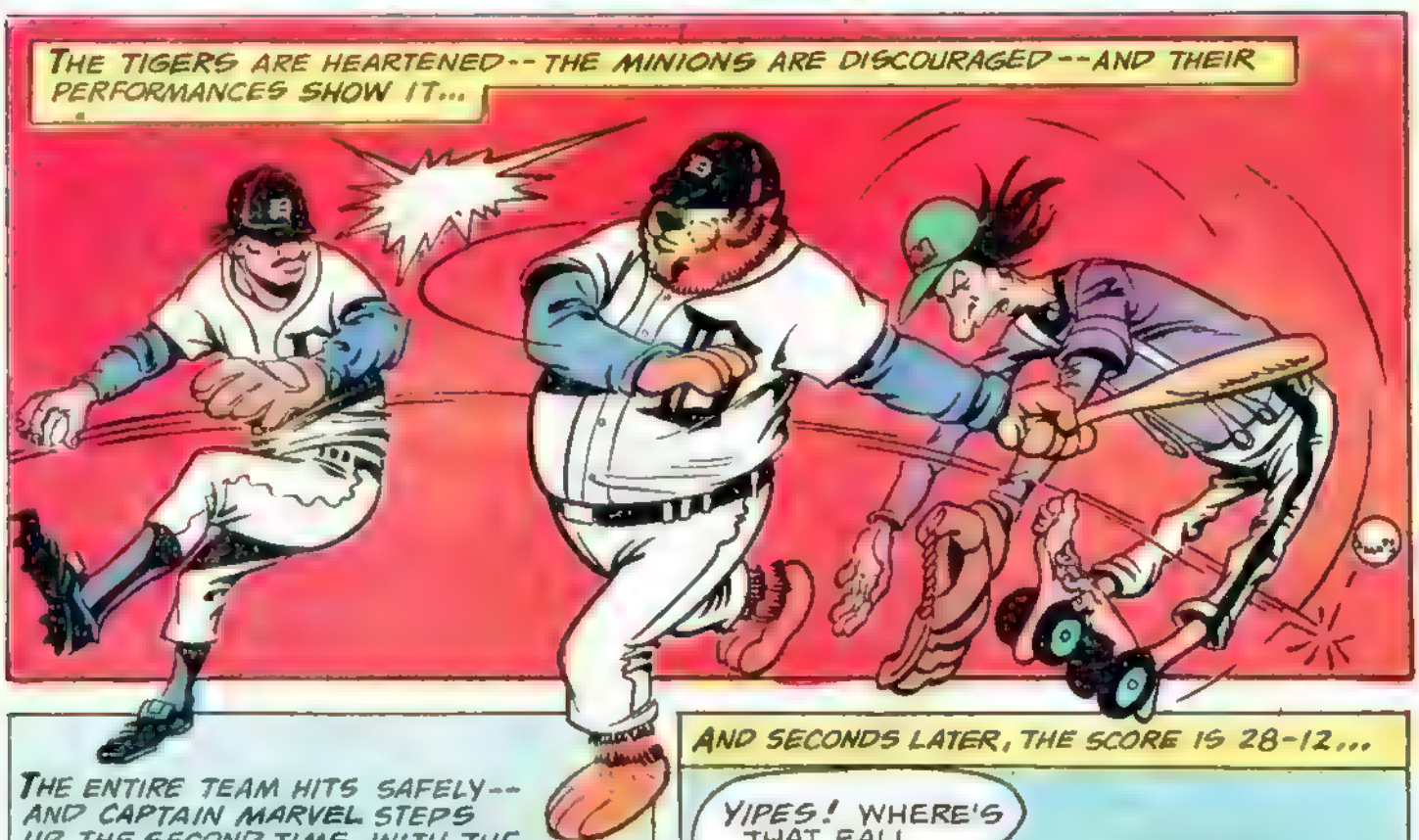

THEN CAP LEADS OFF IN THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE INNING...
THINK YOU'RE FANCY, EH? WELL, WAIT'LL YOU SEE THIS PITCH!

I SEE IT--AND THERE IT GOES!
WHAKK


HEY, WHERE--
--IS--
--HE?
GO, CAPTAIN MARVEL! GO!

HE WENT TOO FAST TO HAVE TOUCHED ALL THE BASES! HE'S OUT!

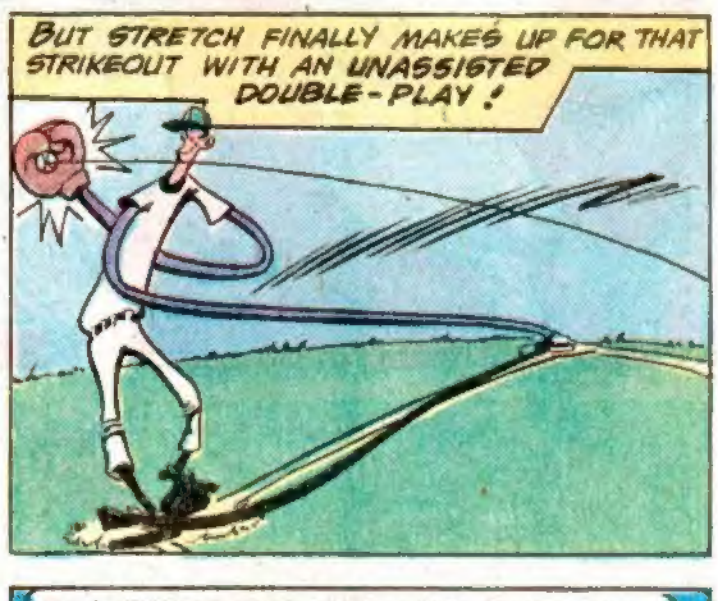
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT--SO I JUST PICKED UP THE BASES ALONG THE WAY...TO PROVE I'D TOUCHED THEM!
HA, HA! THAT'S SHOWIN' THEM, MY BOY! WE'LL BEAT THEM YET!


THE TIGERS ARE HEARTENED--THE MINIONS ARE DISCOURAGED--AND THEIR PERFORMANCES SHOW IT...

THE ENTIRE TEAM HITS SAFELY--AND CAPTAIN MARVEL STEPS UP THE SECOND TIME, WITH THE BASES LOADED AND THE SCORE 28-8...
IF ONLY I CAN GET HIM OUT!

AND SECONDS LATER, THE SCORE IS 28-12...
YIPES! WHERE'S THAT BALL GOING?
THWAK!

THE TIGERS ARE ROLLING... SEVEN MORE RUNS--A MAN ON--AND NOBODY OUT--AS CAP COMES TO BAT FOR THE THIRD TIME IN THE INNING!
LET'S SEE YOU HIT THIS FAST BALL!



HOWEVER, THE REST OF THE TIGERS BAT SAFELY... AND THE SCORE IS 28-24 AS CAP COMES TO BAT AGAIN...
HOLY MOLEY! THAT SHORTSTOP IS PRACTICALLY BLINDING ME--I CAN'T SEE THE BALL!
STRIKE TWO!

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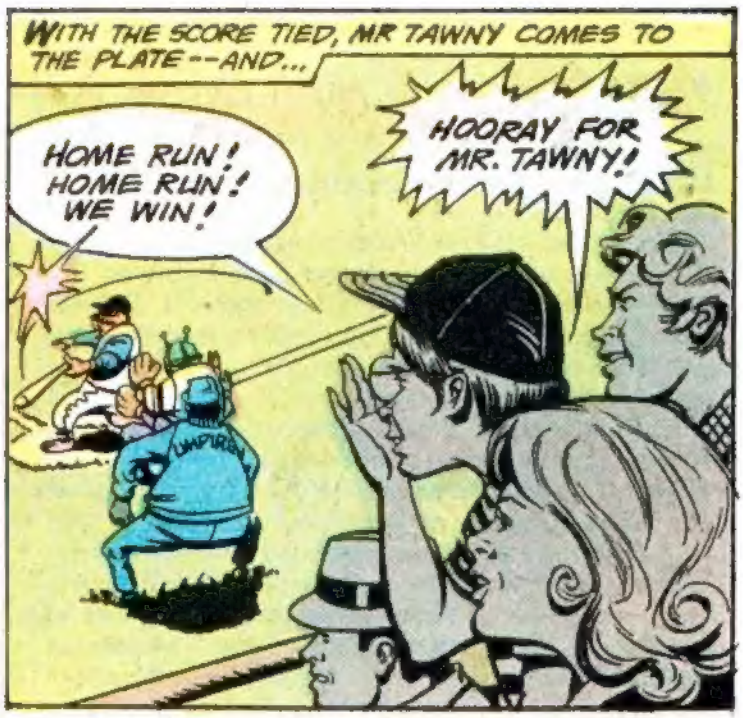
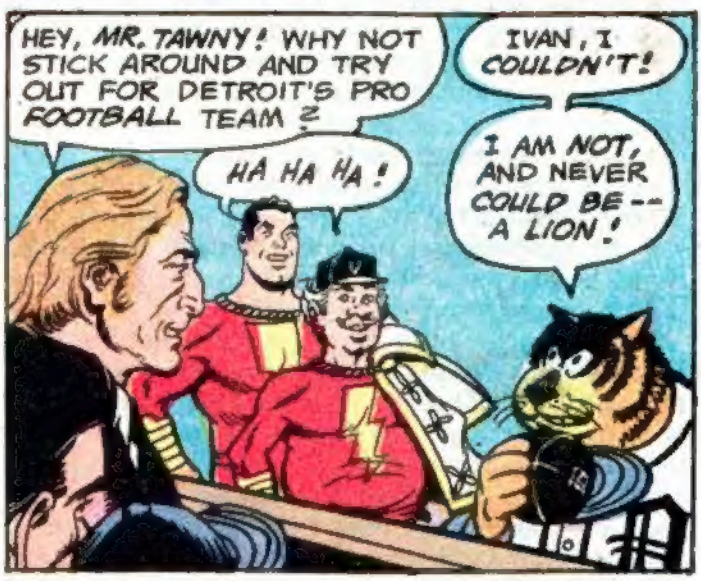


NO ONE'S EXECUTING ANYONE! YOUR HENCHMEN WERE SO UPSET AFTER WE DEFEATED THEM THAT THEY FORGOT I COULD JUST FOLLOW THEM HERE--TO YOU!

I ANTICIPATED THIS POSSIBILITY! THAT'S WHY I WASN'T HERE--ONLY A HOLOGRAM PROJECTION!
SEE YOU IN INDIANAPOLIS! HO HAW HE HOO HA HEE!

SO, BACK AT TIGER STADIUM, WHERE CAPTAIN MARVEL AND MR. TAWNY ARE HEROES OF THE GAME--AND THE WORLD...
YAAAAAAAAYYY!
YOU DID A GREAT JOB, MR. TAWNY! GOOD LUCK ON YOUR BASEBALL CAREER!
I'M READY TO COLLAPSE, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I CAN'T DO THIS EVERY DAY!
MY DIAMOND DAYS ARE DONE!


HEY, MR. TAWNY! WHY NOT STICK AROUND AND TRY OUT FOR DETROIT'S PRO FOOTBALL TEAM?
HA HA HA!
IVAN, I COULDN'T!
I AM NOT, AND NEVER COULD BE--A LION!

YOU MIGHT NOT BE LAUGHING NEXT TIME, CAPTAIN MARVEL--'CAUSE MR. MIND'S WAITING FOR YOU--AT THE INDIANAPOLIS 500--AS IT'S NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE!
ON SALE THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER

Dear Editor:

Since the facelift designed to make **Shazam** more like its television counterpart, stories have improved immensely, rivaling some of **Captain Marvel's** greatest Golden Age adventures. Such a classic was #30's "Captain Marvel Fights the Man of Steel." I really detest seeing Sivana used as every issue's major villain, but I must confess that author Bridwell continually comes up with refreshingly original gimmicks for the World's Wickedest Scientist to perpetrate upon **Cap**. This latest ruse, the reworking of an old American legend (to best suit Sivana's evil purposes, naturally) incorporated excitement, humor and a bit of Americana, to say nothing of the entire **Marvel Family**, into seventeen pages of terrific story! We've not before seen the 3 **Lieutenant Marvels** in new material at DC, but they've lost none of their pizazz. And of course, it's been too long since **Mary** and **Junior** have been in on the action. To top it all off, **Superman** (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) even stepped in for a few pages. Ah, Mr. Bridwell, you know how to warm the cockles of a fan's heart! So do Kurt Schaffenberger and Vince Colletta, a double-threat artistic team that packs a whole lot of superb pictures into a tale.

But I must echo a complaint heard frequently in these pages. We simply are not seeing enough of **Cap Jr.** and **Mary Marvel!** Now, I really don't want you taking any space away from these fine book-length **Captain** Marvel stories, but couldn't you find room for his proteges somewhere else?

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**(That's a decision to be made sometime in the future. Meanwhile, don't be surprised if *Captain Marvel Jr.* shows up to star with *Cap* in a near-future issue.—E.N.B.)**

Dear Editor:

Another breath of fresh, light air filled my thought-lungs as I perused **Shazam** #30. Midst the paranoia, injustice and soul-searching other heroes are going through, it is, as many of your readers have said, pleasant to read a non-complicated, non-traumatic comic with its non-cumbersome artistry and scripting. It's something only DC could do. However, I do have two somewhat critical comments to make.

I don't understand why **Cap** called **Atlas**. His heaven-supporting doesn't qualify him for handling or giving advice on handling the menacing, metallic menagerie. **Hercules**, who was beset with the twelve tasks, would've been a better choice, in my opinion.

Secondly, a terrible error on your part. Not only did I check some of my old **Captain Marvel, Whiz** and **Marvel Family** collection, but also past **Shazams**. Sure enough, in **Shazam** #8, page 70 (a reprint), **Cap** has to bring the three Billy Batsons together so they can say "Shazam!" and turn into the three **Lieutenant Marvels**. Not separately, as they did here. I assume the three Billys were among those in the suspendium globe, though you should have explained that somewhere.

The singing was a trifle corn . . . oops! I only said **two** critical comments. So I guess I'd better sign off. Keep up the exceptional work.

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**(Which Elder to summon was a matter of opinion—and your reasoning was valid. However, you obviously do not have a copy of *Captain Marvel Adventures* #62, which included a story about a fantastic new train with many unusual features: a soda fountain (Fat Billy as soda jerk), a movie theater (Tall Billy, usher) and a bowling alley (Hill Billy, pin-boy). In that tale, the three Billys did, indeed, change to the *Lieutenant Marvels* separately! As for the song, I must confess I did not write the whole thing. The first two lines appeared in *Marvel Family* #1, back in 1945, as well as on the cover of #2—which, in the lead story, also supplied the third line!—E.N.B.)**

Dear Shazam Editors:

I have just finished reading **Shazam** #30 and, being a resident of Pittsburgh, I am happy to see our city honored in such a way. I would also like to thank E. Nelson Bridwell for creating a fine story. I was always fascinated by the story of Joe Magarac and now, thanks to **Captain Marvel**, we find out what Joe's name really means!

This is the first time in a long while that I have bought a **Shazam** magazine (I'm sorry to say) and I have a few questions: Who are the three **Lieutenant Marvels** and why did they receive their **Shazam** powers?

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**(Back in *Whiz Comics* #21, Billy met three other boys named Billy Batson—all of whom were kidded by their friends about being *Captain Marvel*. (Curiously, in this story, Billy's identity seemed to be common knowledge, while in others it was known only to a select few.) The three Billys revealed they had never dared say the magic word. But later, all four were captured by Sivana and tied to a log in a sawmill—only our Billy being gagged. He got the gag off, but his voice couldn't be heard above the sound of the saw. So he got the others to yell with him—and all changed. By the way, I'm writing this just after returning frrom your city, where I was a guest at the Pittcon. I enjoyed it greatly—thanks to all the fans who did so much to make me welcome!—E.N.B.)**

Dear E.N.B.:

It was fun to see **Superman**, or a steel figure of him, in #30.

I've been wondering if **Cap** and **Supes** would ever fight each other. It would seem **Captain Marvel** wouldn't have a weak spot, unless a stray lightning bolt or an artificial one hit him.

But **Superman**, that's another story. He has two weaknesses, Kryptonite and magic. It's a fact that **Captain Marvel's** powers are magical. Wouldn't that have some effect on **Superman**?

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**(We may find out in the *Superman-Shazam* tabloid-size edition, coming soon!—E. Nelson Bridwell)**

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